



Agenda Item No. 2

To: Governmental Affairs & Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 24, 2007

From: Mary Currie, Public Affairs Director
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Subject: **APPROVE PARTICPATION IN THE SAN FRANCISCO CITY-WIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION EVENT, LIGHTS OUT SAN FRANCISCO**

Recommendation

The Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize staff to turn off all non-essential, non-safety sensitive lighting at the Golden Gate Bridge on Saturday, October 20, 2007, between the 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. as part of San Francisco's city-wide *Lights Out San Francisco* event.

Summary

The City and County of San Francisco is participating in a one hour *Lights Out San Francisco* program similar to what took place last year in Sydney, Australia and have requested, through Director McGoldrick, that the District participate as well. The proposal is to have all non-essential lights throughout San Francisco be turned off during the hour of 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2007.

The *Lights Out San Francisco* program is being developed in support of the City's efforts to reach their greenhouse gas emissions target of 20 percent reduction below 1990 levels by the year 2012. It has been determined that turning out the lights for this one hour period throughout the City could result in up to a 15 percent reduction in energy consumed on an average Saturday night. During the *Lights Out San Francisco* event, free energy-efficient light bulbs will be distributed to City residents. As part of this event, only non-essential, non-safety sensitive lighting at the Golden Gate Bridge would be turned off, similar to what was done during the energy crisis of a few years ago.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.